

Rosetta Resources Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Limbacher Randy L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2129 LOOSCAN  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77019

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Rosetta Resources Inc. [ROSE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/13/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	06/13/2008	01/05/2009	J		28,210 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0 28,210 D
Common Stock	06/27/2008	01/05/2009	J		37,614	A	\$ 0 65,824 D
Restricted Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	06/13/2008	01/05/2009	J		28,210 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 0 261,961 D
Restricted Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	06/27/2008	01/05/2009	J		37,614 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 0 224,347 D
Restricted Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A		104,500	A	\$ 0 328,847 D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 7.355	01/02/2009	01/06/2009	A	95,500	01/02/2010 01/01/2019	Common Stock <u>(4)</u>
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <u>(3)</u>	\$ 18.61					11/01/2007 <sup>(5)</sup> 11/01/2017	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Limbacher Randy L 2129 LOOSCAN HOUSTON, TX 77019	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

Randy L.  
Limbacher 01/08/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restrictions to be lifted as to 25 percent on first anniversary date of grant, 25 percent on the second anniversary date of grant, and 50 percent on the third anniversary date of grant.

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- (2) Changes required to reflect formerly restricted stock that has vested, and is now listed as "common stock".
- (3) Options vest 25% on first anniversary date of grant, 25% on second anniversary date of grant and 50% on third anniversary date of grant.
- (4) Common Stock
- (5) Options vest 100% at Date of Grant

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